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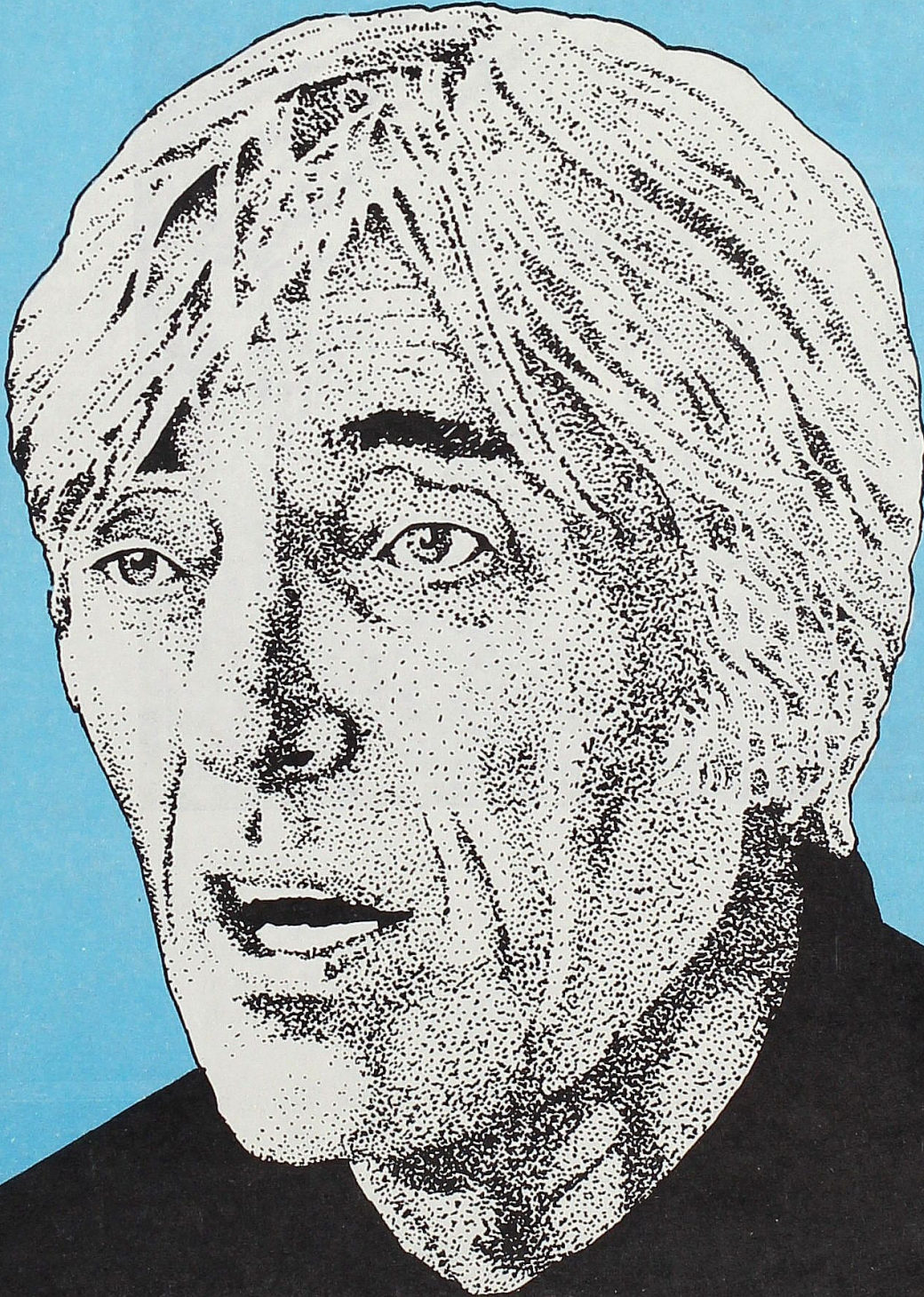
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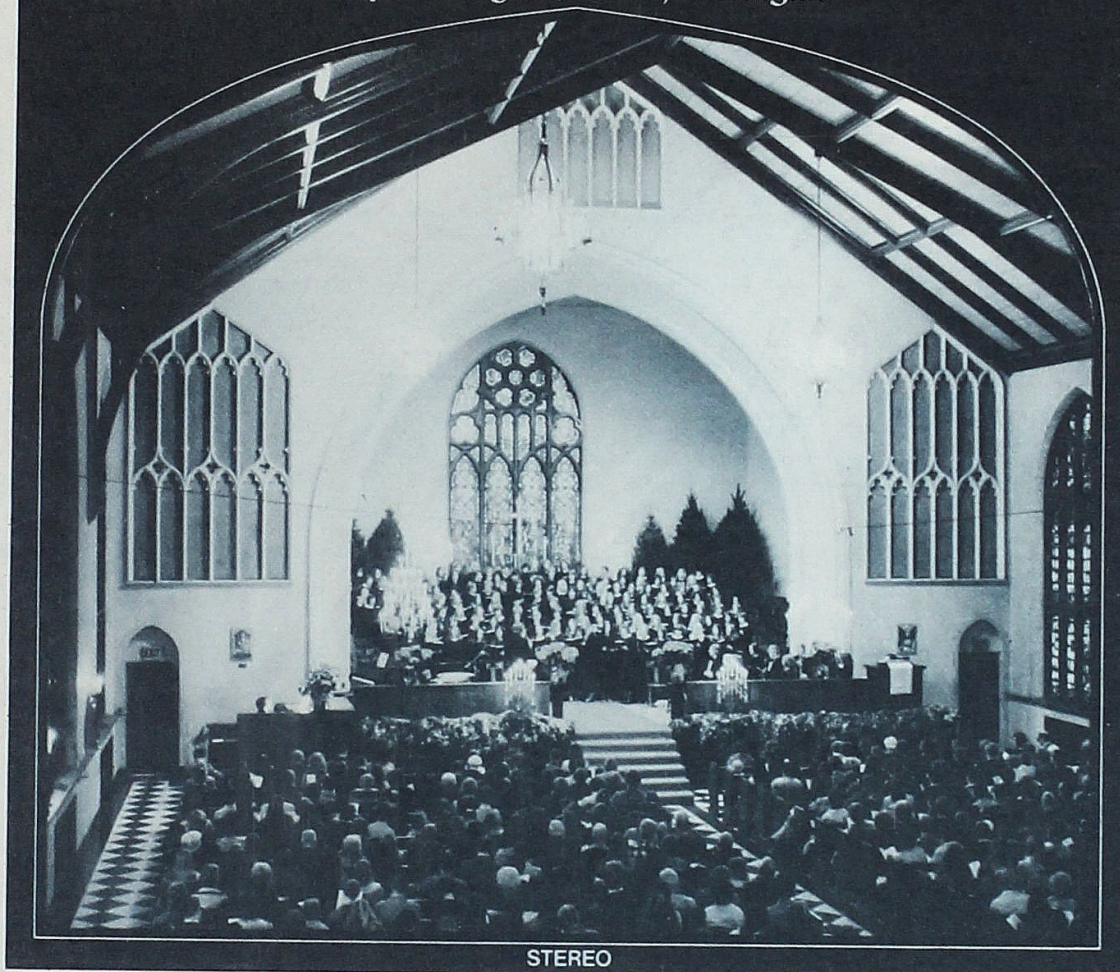


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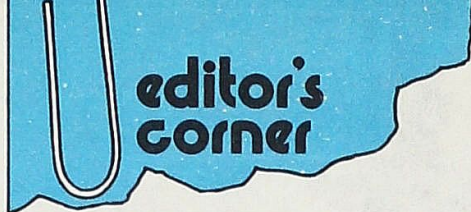
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It has been a little over a year since I received the challenge of filling the large shoes of Mrs. Marian Stryker as editor of the Hope College Magazine. During that period I have spent considerable time measuring the opinions and receiving the suggestions of you as alumni toward our communication publications.

This has been accomplished through both personal contact and a survey this past summer of randomly selected alumni. The purpose of the survey was to measure attitudes toward the *Hope College Magazine* and our tabloid newsletter *News from Hope College*.

The response was gratifying as 56% of the 410 alumni in the survey responded. The response by graduates (61%) was greater than those of non-graduates (27%), apparently indicating a greater loyalty to the college.

Both publications received a 'B' grade as 91% of the respondents said the magazine is a useful source of information and 88% gave that rating to the newsletter.

Class notes are the favorite regular feature of readers followed by advanced degrees, deaths, births and marriages. All of the regular features received ratings high enough to indicate that our alumni want this type of information. We appreciate knowing that as many colleges have eliminated this type of information from their publications, citing a lack of alumni interest or economic reasons.

More important than the statistical conclusions were the helpful suggestions offered in response to the questions: What are some of the topics you would like to see included in future Hope College communications publications? and Do you have any specific comments regarding Hope College communications publications?

Many of the suggestions have become guideposts for us in determining content in our communications publications for future editions.

One of the suggestions offered by several respondents was that articles about and by faculty members appear more regularly. The September/October issue of *News from Hope College* contained an article by Dr. William Vanderbilt, chairman of the physical Education department, on women in sports and this issue includes a feature of longtime English

faculty member Dr. James Prins. Our plan is publish an in-depth article by a faculty member in each edition of *News from Hope College* and a feature about a faculty member in the magazine.

**We have been challenged to write articles on a number of topics including:**

- How the men and women of Hope College are helping to solve the problems of our cities.
- Changes in attitudes toward religion among the student body, the role of student government on campus, the counseling students receive relative to the shrinking job market.
- More dialogue on some of the issues that confront the larger community of Hope. "Hope grads in the world are facing political, social and moral questions. Let's talk about them!"

I welcome your suggestions for other features you'd like to read in our publications. Drop me a line.

The survey wasn't without criticism. The responses also exposed some myths.

One alumnus told us that by "not sending the anchor to alumni gives the impression of shielding the alumni from the actual thoughts and feelings of students on campus today!" Many alumni and parents have mail subscriptions to the anchor. There is no prohibition to your receiving the students' perspective.

Another alumnus said "too much space is given to articles from young people who are still in the college shelter — not enough from alumni."

Another told us to "stop making alumni sound like world beaters." We can't help it if we're proud of your accomplishments and want the world to know.

Some said we over-emphasize the religious aspect of the college; others said it wasn't expressed enough.

There were several expressions of appreciation from alumnus who have rare opportunities to return to campus and observe activity first-hand. We especially appreciated the comments of one alumnus who noted that "having lived on an island for 19 years, I certainly look forward to receiving Hope news!"

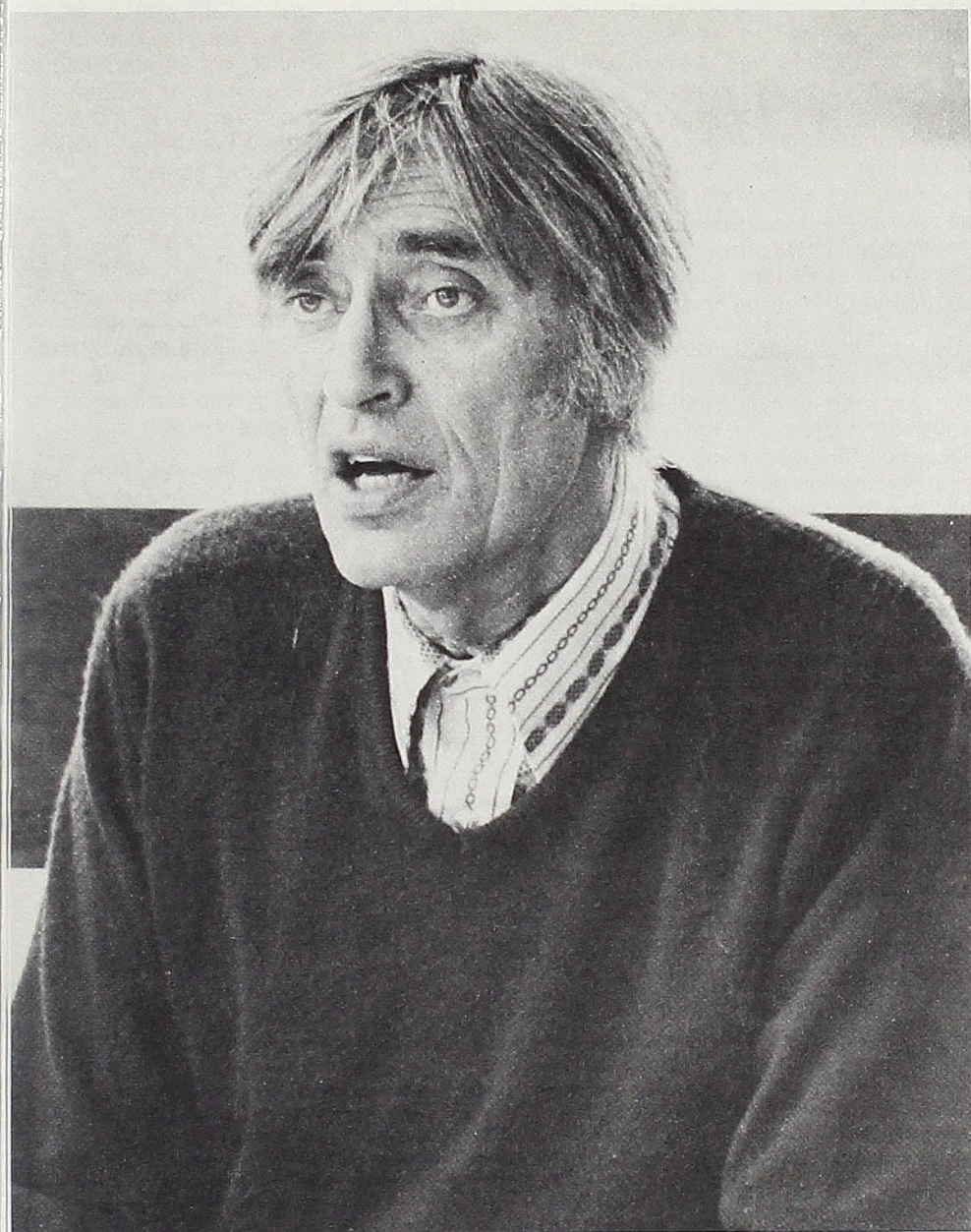
We enjoy keeping you informed. Please use the flap on your Annual Alumni Fund envelope to send us your news. There doesn't have to be a check in the pocket to have that news published either; although every contribution is appreciated as our college tries to maintain its margin of excellence. ✨

Tom Renner









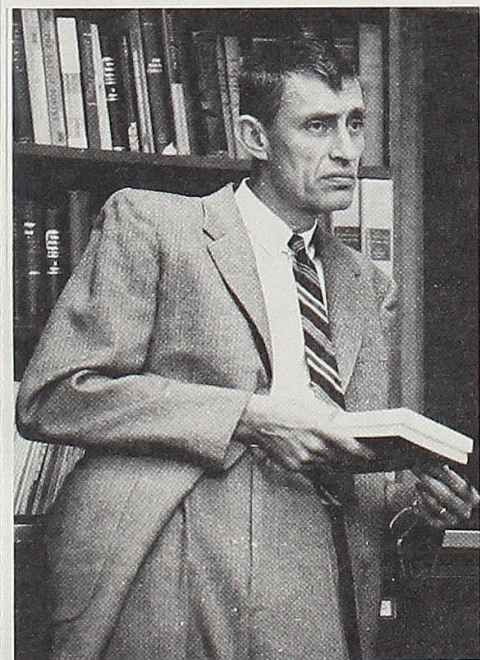
## Reflections of a LITERATURE PROF

**D**r. James Prins does not particularly like the idea of an interview. He fears a dearth of material. Besides, he says, "Good quotes come only spontaneously when something occurs in a classroom and then they become mythical. But they don't happen in cases like this, where we say, 'Let's put it down in words'—it doesn't happen."

He likes even less the idea of being photographed. He is concerned that former students may see his image spread on the pages of the alumni magazine and deduce that he is not well: "A person gets old and dowdy, and I'm a lot more stooped than I used to be." He reveals that his wife, Iris, objected to his appearance when he left the house that morning, pointing to his untrimmed hair, the absence of a suit and tie. "My wife said, 'How do you dare!'" he accents each word and then pauses before deciding to finish, "'How do you dare have an interview the way you look today?'"

But one must protest. The years seem to have been rather benevolent in dealing out their ravages on the person of Prins. His slenderness remains intact; his longer hair seems to shorten his face a bit; the cranberry V-neck sweater relaxes the angularity of his frame.

And, in time, the "good quotes" do come, as Dr. Prins begins to lapse into the manner of speaking which has made his classes memorable for the thousands of literature students who have enrolled in his courses since he first came to Hope as a faculty member in 1946. Perhaps a former student best described the intrigue when he pinpointed Dr. Prins as the only teacher he had ever studied under who lectured in stream of consciousness.





It is somewhat in this form that we begin to discuss his now nearly 60 year long life, and from the stream a pattern emerges, a pattern of what Dr. Prins describes as the "accidents" of his life which have defined his now nearly 30 year long career as a member of the Hope faculty in the department of English.

A Holland, Mich. native, he enrolled in Calvin College in 1934. He transferred to Hope the following year as a prelaw student, majoring in English. He graduated in 1938, "poorer than poor." Faced with the financial impossibility of attending law school, Prins opted instead for graduate work in English at the University of Michigan. He received his M.A. degree in 1939. For the following three years, he taught at the Shepherd, Mich. High School.

He entered the Army in 1942 and served in the military police division. While stationed in South Hampton, England, he met his future wife, Iris. They were married in 1949. (Dr. and Mrs. Prins have two children. Christopher is a sophomore at Harvard, possessing what his father unconvincingly describes as "an appalling interest" in literature. Robin is a high school junior.)

After his discharge in the early winter of 1946, Prins came back to Holland, where he planned to bide his time until fall when he would enter the University of Michigan to obtain his Ph.D. degree.

Instead, he was approached by then Hope president Irwin J. Lubbers and Professor Clarence DeGraff, who were attempting to prepare for the monumental post-war enrollment jump. Without great enthusiasm, Prins agreed to teach English for a semester. The semester completed, he was anxious to begin his work at U. of M., where he had been offered a teaching fellowship.

Instead, Dr. Lubbers' noted powers of persuasion were directed toward this young English instructor: Prins eventually received his Ph.D., but he did so while a professor of English at Hope.

At this point, as well, circumstances redefined Dr. Prins' intentions: "I think that you ought to believe that my original motivation in literature was creative. I always thought that I would like to write. As I look at it now, I don't think I'd be a

very good writer. But when I started teaching here, I had the idea that perhaps teaching was the best way into writing that a person could find. But that's very false. It probably hurts a person. I find that before I can dare to teach anything, I have to read everything I can get . . . all the critical material and all the novels by that person, before I would dare to get before a class and utter any words that I think are important enough to utter. It takes so much time.

"But I think you should know that I'm not unhappy", he continues. "The accidents that occurred in my life just occurred the way that they did. I'm not sorry it happened this way. I mean, what's a more wonderful thing than to be in touch with the things you like—the literature and the people who are young. They're young!" he says emphatically. "You get paid for staying in touch with young people.

"It's been very wonderful. It's almost embarrassing sometimes that students remember you, remember you in a kindly way," he says. "People come back and search you out, you get a letter once in a while. It's always been reciprocal. I've always enjoyed the students very much. You get old, things do change, but this contact with the young people remains as something very important to me."

What has changed for Dr. Prins? Small things mostly—the informality of the times, the addition of a Saul Bellow novel on the reading list for American novels, slightly smaller classes the past few years. He believes that former students remember him best for the stance he always assumed while teaching—*sans* chair, with one long foot flung over the desk top. "That's changed," he says "I sit down now almost all the time. I'm still animated, but I'm much more desk-bound than I used to be."

And probably Dr. Prins is right—one remembers the small things: this teaching posture, the free flowing manner of his lectures, the way he pronounces "literature" to come out more like "litrature." Many students, majors in varied fields of study, also remember, however, the uncanny way Dr. Prins had of making the study of literature in the genre of the novel a very meaningful experience. And that has not changed.

"I hope that this general interest holds," says Dr. Prins, "that the preseminary student, or the sociology or the history or the philosophy student *does* think that coming into contact with ideas as they're dramatized in novels is a significant thing to do. It's a way to approach life. What can you take for credit that's more fun, than to read all these novels that have dramatic and narrative situations in them?

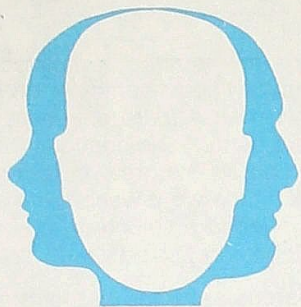
"But they're serious," he continues. "I think literature is a means to make us feel about how we think. It's an approach to life in a vicarious way. It has a dimension that is more than cerebral. Literature shows the individual that he is a feeling as well as thinking mechanism.

"Novels are stories. But great novels are also the artistic fulfillment of important and significant ideas and attitudes. It's a particularly good way to be exposed to these ideas and attitudes, because you're getting it in a living form. Sometimes I couldn't believe that students would cry about a novel, but they do sometimes. Because it's real."

What does Dr. Prins hope students gain from his teaching? "I suppose what every teacher hopes he can do is exactly what happens to Strether (in Henry James' *The Ambassadors*)—the gradual awareness, the growing up, the ability to suddenly be able to say 'Ah!' As Shakespear said, 'Ripeness is all,' having people see things as they've never seen them before, the way Strether sees things as he never saw them before."

Dr. Prins is now a senior faculty member. The unwritten Prins novel will probably remain unwritten, rightly or unrightfully so. He speaks of all the unread novels which continue to beckon. And so this rawboned man continues in much the same way. Ripeness is all. ✨





## ALUMNI PROFILE

### BETH MARCUS Challenging Women of the Reformed Church



"Let's get at what is not being used, both to fulfill the life of the individual, because out of giving and out of knowledge of yourself comes such joy and satisfaction,—and to affect the world!"

This is the way *Dr. Beth Marcus '42*, executive director of Reformed Church Women and head of Adult Voluntary Services for the Reformed Church in America, defines here relationship to the role of both women and men in the denomination.

And for Dr. Marcus, this philosophy is also one which has defined the course of her own life, causing her to move several

times out of comfortably productive situations toward new challenges and new goals.

Dr. Marcus first put her administrative talents to use after World War II, when she was involved in organizing a program of assistance for servicemen and their families in her position as executive secretary of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Based in her home town of Holland, Mich., for 10 years Dr. Marcus led an active, contributing, and successful life in this position. "I was extremely happy in what I was doing and I thought that there wasn't anything I'd like to do better," she recalls.

And then came the first new challenge, which at the time seemed to be more of "a shock," she relates. In the early 1950's this energetic young woman was approached by various members of the Board of Domestic Missions of the RCA, who inquired whether or not she would like to take on a new position. "I was impressed by them and I was impressed by the challenge, but I just couldn't quite see myself in the job. I was so happy in what I was doing."

Dr. Marcus took a trip to the Caribbean and she relates the incident which accompanied her return: "I can still see that hotel room in New Orleans, where I sat on the bed and something said to me that day, 'You've got to go to New York.'"

In September of 1953, almost a year after she had first been offered the RCA position, Dr. Marcus arrived in New York. "It was the Jewish holidays, something which somehow or another I wasn't even aware of in Holland, Mich.! It was a new experience and I moved into a whole new kind of context there in a city where other faiths and other cultures are certainly predominant." She recalls with a smile that one of her first impulses after arrival in this big, bustling, nearly foreign city was to find a broom and start sweeping the streets, Holland fashion, to get rid of some of the debris which she soon learned was part of her new home's landscape.

Certainly these days could have given way to feelings of insecurity and perhaps even regret, but instead Dr. Marcus devoted all her thoughts to her new work at Reformed Church headquarters. And almost as soon as she began working, she began traveling and soon New York City became a stopover home, a place where she now spends less than half of her Sundays each year. "Sometimes I wonder why I even bother to pay rent!" she says.



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The traveling has always had a purpose. Perhaps a friend and colleague, *Julia Walvoord '34 Van Wyk*, current president of RCA Women, describes it best: "As Beth travels, she listens to what people have to say and is ready to do what she can to alleviate some of the burdens and solve some of the problems she hears about—which is a great combination."

Says Dr. Marcus: "My philosophy has always been that to do the job in New York, I have to know what's going on in the field. And therefore, I spend a lot of time with people."

This warm and genuine interest in the human element of her work, Dr. Marcus' exceptional administrative talents, and what the late Mrs. Wilbur Wormuth, former president of the RCA Women's Organization, called "an unusual capacity to stimulate people to action"—this combination distinguished Dr. Marcus' 15 year long career in her first position with the national offices of the RCA. During this time, she served as executive administrator of ministries in Indian American communities and in Kentucky, and worked on promotion and personnel for all North American ministries. She also became board administrator of Southern Normal High School. During her period of service, major capital improvements were made on the campuses in Annville, Ky. and Brewton, Ala. and in Indian communities. Her emphasis on Christian higher education and her desire to stimulate people to their greatest potential led many mission school graduates to Hope College, as well as to Central and Northwestern Colleges.

It was exciting work. But 15 years of passing time again brought a new challenge. The RCA underwent reorganization, and while Dr. Marcus was offered a position in which she would continue to have much the same duties, she says: "It seemed to me that they needed a new face, that they needed a new philosophy. Again, I have to say that I leaned upon the Lord for some guidance. In 1968, the General Synod asked if I would take over as director of Promotion and Communications."

During her three years in this position, TRAVARCA (the RCA television, radio, audio-visual office) was started and a media coordinator appointed. Information Services were instituted, and "Today in the RCA," the forerunner of "Hotline," became a regular publication of the office.

"Again, it was a good experience, but I began to realize that I was dealing more with paper than I was dealing with people," recalls Dr. Marcus. So she eagerly accepted the opportunity to aid in organizing and administering the Adult Voluntary Services program. Again, she was leaving behind work in which she had been successful and venturing into a position which she describes as "one in which it was very difficult to set goals, because it was an unknown. We had no idea how many would participate."

But the program which Dr. Marcus put into motion soon became successful. She reports that in the last six months alone, 153 volunteers of all ages have used their time, skills and resources toward short-term mission service.

"It's exciting to build something which ends up with the person who has gone coming home and saying, 'I received so much more than I gave.' It's exciting when older people say they can give a month before they go to Florida for the winter. They go to Kentucky, for example, and the first thing you know, they say, 'Well, I don't really need to go to Florida. I'm going to stay here and work.'"

Dr. Marcus could see a future of tremendous expansion in her new position. She was then asked to serve on a committee to find a successor for the retiring director of Reformed Church Women, Mrs. F. Welwood. It was somewhat disruptive when she found *herself* being offered the position. "My first impulse was to almost say, 'Don't bother me, I'm very happy with what I'm doing and I have things to do.' But again, the Lord apparently had some other things in mind for me.

"After a few months, it dawned on me that maybe I could combine the responsibilities because there did seem to be a juncture point," she continues. "Women in the church are great in terms of spreading the word when there's a need, so if I needed a volunteer they could be very helpful in finding one."

Dr. Marcus assumed her joint responsibilities on January 1, 1973. The original plan entailed putting 3/5 of her time into work for Reformed Church Women and 2/5 into work for the Adult Voluntary Services. "To date, I would say that it's worked out so I would guess I'm putting in as much time as two full-time jobs. But when you so thoroughly enjoy what you're doing, then time has no meaning."

Mrs. Van Wyk says, "Beth likes to do so many things that she finds it hard to squeeze enough hours and energy out of each day to accomplish the things she sets out to do. In her two responsibilities, she finds an outlet for her writing ability. . . . She also communicates with many people by speaking through the denomination and attending meetings related to her work. Her talents for administrative work are put to use continuously. . . . Her present responsibilities and her previous work have given her a wider personal acquaintance with the people, churches, and mission fields of the RCA than almost any other person. Her work load makes her a night owl, but she also likes to have fun!"

Dr. Marcus says she likes to travel, she likes new challenges, she loves fundraising, and best of all she likes to see things accomplished. "It's exciting to be involved with Reformed Church Women in these days, when the United Nations names 1975 as International Women's Year, when our own church is going through a stage of development, . . . when the role of women in the Reformed Church is in a stage of development which has many, many ramifications, both for the women and for the church.

"One of the joys of my life has been to work with people in a very intimate way and just to see in people so much ability and skill and talent," she continues. "So, when we speak about women, I relate that to my goal in life, which has been to help to recognize whatever power, strength or skill that God has placed in a human being; to release it, so it can be used for the good of society. And I'm so convinced that within women in the RCA, as well as within women of all denominations and within women in general, there is so much lying dormant, that is not being used. . . . I believe that you can find all kinds of documentation for the Lord saying, 'I've given this to you, now use it to my glory.'"



## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Members of the Women's League for Hope College met at Marigold Lodge on Oct. 3 to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Mary Heemes '46 Koop, current president of the Women's League, presided over the special meeting. Highlights included special greetings from President and Mrs. Van Wylen, an account of the first Village Square by its chairman, Evelyn Van Dam '50 Smallegan, and a recollection of the development of the Women's League by Margaret Van Donselaar '22 Lubbers, former first lady of Hope College. Marian Anderson '31 Stryker, former Hope College alumni secretary, presented a historical account prepared for the event. This account constitutes a fascinating tribute to this group which has made impressive and lasting contributions to the College, not only through their fund-raising efforts, but also through their devotion and dedication. Excerpts of Mrs. Stryker's account are printed below:

# 50 YEARS YOUNG Hope College Women's League



Pictured with the Women's League 50th anniversary cake are Marian Stryker, Mary Koop, Evelyn Smallegan, Margaret Van Wylen, and Margaret Lubbers.

## Hope is an echo, Hope ties itself yonder, yonder

Carl Sandburg

**Y**ou've come a long way, baby!  
Yes you have; all the way from a dream in 1925 to nearly a half million dollars worth of comfort and beauty in 1975.

Since this is the *Year of the Women* and there is much editorializing on the women's liberation movement, we women of Hope College can with truth say that we have always been liberated. The late President Wynand Wichers, speaking at Commencement at the 90th anniversary of the College in 1956, said, "One of the surprising things is that this College, founded by a group of determined and hard-headed Dutchmen, should so early have had any interest in the higher education for women."

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Women's League for Hope College has had the support, the admiration, and perhaps the expectations of the College administrators, especially during the past thirty years when they took upon themselves "man sized" projects and succeeded in all of them. But the League did not take on the projects to demonstrate their women's rights, or liberation. Research reveals that they were taken and completed under the inspiring motto of the College, *Spera in Deo!*

As heretofore mentioned, the League began with a dream. . . . Some wise person has said "In every great human undertaking, for it to be able to succeed, there is a certain dream element."

Indeed, research as well as memory does reveal that this League began with the dream of a house mother who came to Voorhees Hall in 1920 with her three young girls. Recently widowed when her husband died in Japan during service in the Mission Field, Mrs. Edith Walvoord came with "thankfulness in her heart" that she had been guided into this good position in a pleasant atmosphere.

Mrs. Walvoord's anticipation of entering a cozy home was somewhat set back when she entered the doors of Voorhees Hall in 1920. The lounge into which she and her girls stepped had bare unpolished floors, ceiling lights only, no draperies, no cushioned window seats, no chairs, no rugs of any kind, only the table on which the postman left the mail, some trophies on the mantles shelf, a big tall clock and the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees.

Such was the atmosphere that welcomed them. However, like most colleges 50 years ago, Hope College felt herself very fortunate to have a girls' dormitory at all, and Voorhees being architecturally attractive on the outside, with mission dining room chairs and tables and with mission beds, dressers and straight bedroom chairs was considered adequate. Austerity and education went hand in hand a half century ago.

During her first years at Voorhees, Mrs. Walvoord pondered the bareness of the reception room. After visiting with a woman from Iowa who told her what the church women were doing for *their* dormitory students, Mrs. Walvoord felt there was a suggestion in that conversation

that could be the fulfillment of her dream. She asked for an interview with the president of the College, Dr. Dimnent. He listened kindly, but said thoughtfully "all departments need money." Dr. Dimnent mentioned especially the need for funds for the Bible Department. He did not think that going for funds for a "luxury" was the best way to get all needs provided for.

So action was delayed, but the dream did not die. In discussing her dream, a friend said, "Perhaps we can do something." Forthwith, the friend, Mrs. George Huizinga invited several women from her church, Third Reformed, and from Hope Church to tea in her home. Mrs. Walvoord spoke to these church women about her dream to make the reception room of the beautiful stately Voorhees Hall a pleasanter, warmer place.

The women accepted the idea with enthusiasm. Mrs. Huizinga was asked to be the treasurer to receive the moneys they knew would be forthcoming, and Mrs. C. J. Dregman was designated the president.

In the words of Mrs. Walvoord, speaking in 1935 to the Women's League about her early experience, "that was the fulfillment of my dream. Shortly after the tea Mrs. G. J. Diekema and a group of other women came with samples of blue carpet and lovely orange colored drapery material. From then on it has been one beautiful continued story of not only calling Voorhees Hall the 'House Beautiful' but many other dormitories have been furnished. And the future looks brighter than the past."





According to the memory of Mrs. George Pelgrim (now Mrs. Harris Meyer) the idea activated the enthusiasm of the women not only of Third and Hope Churches, but of the women of all the Holland Reformed Churches who claimed Hope College. They wanted to make the College as attractive to women students as possible. With faith, charity, Hope and work they pushed on and had such a good time doing it that they suggested it to the women of other Reformed Churches in the Particular Synod of Chicago (which at that time comprised churches in the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana).

The suggestion was well received. In a letter, dated April 14, 1926, written to the membership which included women from 48 churches out of the 130 in the Synod of Chicago, Mrs. Dregman and Mrs. Huizinga stated, "It is almost a year since we were organized and we are grateful indeed for what we were privileged to do through your prompt and loyal cooperation."

During the years following the furnishing of Voorhees Lounge, the League carried on "concerning itself with small projects," according to Mrs. George Albers. One unusual project during these years was the furnishing of chairs for the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. room in the new Hope Memorial Chapel. The chairs were made of rosewood by the Mission School in India. Among the League's other projects they placed "dish gardens" on the dining room tables in Voorhees, provided pressing irons for the girls, put welcoming bouquets in the lounge for the opening of school, and other niceties. In 1944 when Van Vleck Hall became a women's dorm, it was included in the League's projects.

The real motive for the work was never forgotten. According to Mrs. Pelgrim "The Women's League for Hope College has faith that every girl we attract to Hope College and hold at Hope College for four years will go out as a Christian leader. Our home-touch purchases have been motivated by this thought and by the knowledge that the church-related college is in strong competition with the extravagantly financed state schools."

The Women's League was a recognized and respected organization in the local area when the enrollment outgrew Voorhees Hall and its annex. Something had to be done. A new women's dormitory was the first of several new buildings to grace the campus during the next 20 years.

The new dormitory, named for the long time dean of women Winifred Durfee, was scheduled to open in 1950. President Irwin J. Lubbers, who had taken office in 1945, knew of the Women's League, as an organization committed to the role of making living quarters more pleasant for Hope College women. He presented the project of furnishing this brand new dormitory comprising 50 rooms, a lounge and two dining rooms to the executive committee of the League. There would be 50 rooms, furnishings for each would cost \$500. With the rooms, dining room



and lounge the project would amount to \$35,000. This was a tremendous challenge to these women who had previously undertaken projects of an upkeep nature. Now the basics were faced. President Lubbers encouraged them and persuaded them that they could do it.

At first the executive committee thought it would be advisable for the committee members, the leaders, to go to the various church women's societies and tell them of the challenge. Mrs. J. Westerhof, president and Mrs. George Albers, secretary, talked to the Second Reformed Church and the First Reformed Church, Zeeland, one March afternoon. Their enthusiasm was contagious enough to get the promise of \$500 from each group.

How to do it? Soon ten chapters of the League were started in various classes. Each chapter dreamed up fund raising projects, such as, Hope Chests, Bake Sales, Song Fests, Breakfasts, sponsoring of the Hope College Chapel Choir in concert, and in time the \$35,000 and a little more was raised for the furnishing of Durfee Hall.

The organization of the chapters appears to have been the largest and most significant project attempted by the League. With the work, came the rewards. As the chapters reported their projects and earnings, they all reported also that the organization had brought the members and their churches closer to the College.

With the new Durfee Hall so well furnished in 1950, it was time to bring Voorhees Hall into a more comparable state of repair and furniture replacement. Bravely the League said that if given five years time they would try to raise the necessary \$25,000 to make Voorhees up-to-date and preserve its colonial atmosphere. Of course the request was granted, but the amount was raised in four years.

In November of 1955, Mrs. George Albers, president of the League, wrote in a letter to League members: "The highlight of our October 28 meeting in Hope Memorial Chapel was Dr. Lubbers' report on the men's dorm which had been started just prior to our meeting. He told us the loan for the building had been granted by the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the federal government because a group had been found to underwrite the amount needed to furnish the building when it is completed. We are the group! When the Finance Agency looked at the record of the Hope College Women's League they said, 'that's good enough for us.' Though we have not been asked to raise this amount in any specified time, the sooner the better!"



When this new unprecedented challenge of \$50,000 for the men's dorm was impending, Mrs. Albers discussed the huge undertaking with Janet Albers Yonkman. Mrs. Yonkman, a 1925 Hope grad, was an enthusiastic Hope promoter in her home state of New Jersey and wherever she might be. Jan told Mrs. Albers about a fair or bazaar her church presented every year in Madison, New Jersey. This project had always brought in a considerable amount of money for their church. Why not try that?

So Mrs. Albers suggested it to her Executive Board in 1955. It was just too shocking and involved to be approved. But the seed was planted, and when Mrs. Albers presented it again in 1956, it was approved with enthusiasm. It was not only approved by the Board, it was voted into being at the October 1956 annual meeting by the 1,000 church women assembled in Hope Memorial Chapel.

At that session President Lubbers spoke to the assembly: "May God bless you in your endeavors and may we all be worthy recipients of the great service the Women's League is rendering. It will go down in the annals of the College as a notable contribution in its forward march to fuller realization of the ideal of her founders and of the generations that have so faithfully followed in their footsteps under the banner of Spera in Deo."

And so the delightful, profitable, and by now renowned Village Square was launched. The 19th annual Square, August 1, 1975, was a great success as usual, more money was reaped than ever. Nineteen general chairmen have worried, worked and prayed their Squares to success.

The chairman of the 19th reported at a meeting of the Executive Board, "I so often found myself completely flustered, then I would feel the Presence of the Lord, and things turned out all right." Most of the Board had served as chairmen and they agreed that this Presence was the motivating force that carried them to completion of their Squares, undergirded strongly, of course, by the spirited cooperation of their committees and the women of 200 churches out there helping.

At the close of this 19th Village Square year, this annual event alone has contributed \$232,838.44 of the more than \$475,000 the League has earned for the College since that tea party at Mrs. Huizinga's in 1925.

The initial impetus for the Square was the challenge of the \$50,000 project, which became \$60,000 to furnish Kollen men's dormitory; quickly finished, that was followed by the \$60,000 project for Phelps; \$100,000 for Van Zoeren Library; \$91,900 for the Fraternity Complex and Gilmore Hall; \$52,500 for Dykstra Hall, and \$30,000 for redecorating and refurnishing Otte Conference Room and the dining room in Phelps Hall. What next?

To return to the beginnings of the Village Square which has been the big project for each chapter, each Church and each Woman of the League since 1956-57, one small four letter word WORK conjures up a whole year of thought, prayer, and activity which brought that "first annual" Square off as a great success.

# "THE SPIRIT OF '57" - or

## "How we Survived that 1st Pickle!"

By Fritzi M. Sennett

If I played the guitar . . .  
(And you could all help me sing) . . .  
We'd warble some notes to  
Make these Hope rafters ring!

Let me recite you a ballad  
About our good friend, Betty A.,  
Who said to her Hope Women's League Board,  
"Girls - HOORAY!  
I've got an idea that really should pay!"

Jan Yonkman reports that her New Jersey church  
Has an annual fair at which everyone works -  
They have jams, baked goods and handcrafts,  
Piled in booths on both floors . . .  
Why not try this at Hope -  
And use all OUTDOORS?

This was 1956 - but the Board did not give its "Amen" . . .  
So in '57, our Betty tried it again!  
(Attending that meeting was Mrs. John Smallegan,  
That peppy Zeeland gal who devised the 1st plan!)

Never officially appointed, she recalls Betty's  
words as the afternoon grew rather short . . .  
"Evie, you look into this -  
And give us your report!"

Now, Evie had just adopted a family of three -  
For her, every day was one big shopping spree . . .  
For shoes . . . and for jeans . . . PJ's . . . hair-ribbons, too . . .  
She was like the old woman who lived in the shoe!  
When, into her home with a gay, giggly greeting,  
Trouped a bevy of women for this "Hope Project" meeting!

This was a "FIRST" . . . we all started from "scratch";  
And over coffee and cake, ideas started to "hatch"!  
"What'll we sell??? - Who'll handle the food???"  
How many pots of hot coffee will have to be brewed???

Phyll White drew the first map -  
(To direct a BIG crowd . . .)  
When Evelyn De Pree planned buffet menus,  
'Til she dreamed "noodles" out loud!  
Her lists grew longer and longer,  
Each church was assigned cakes, salads, hot dishes . . .  
When to Rein Visscher they went,  
And he dampened their wishes!

"Ladies," he said, "It just ain't gonna work!"  
"You *must* change your plans!"  
"Can't you foresee the mad scramble  
When you all come at once to claim dirty pans?"

Florence Jencks was enlisted and she and "Manager Rein"  
Soon had buffet supper plans "whipped" into line!  
"We can serve 1400 - with a wee bit o' luck -  
Either you gals are all crazy, or you have lotsa pluck!"

Fritzi Sennett made old English posters,  
And supplied the name "VILLAGE SQUARE" . . .  
(Planting those signs in the dark  
Nearly made her good husband swear!)

Those first frantic, exciting months and years are described in a "poem" by Fritzi Jonkman '44 Sennet, entitled "The Spirit of '57," or "How we survived that first pickle!" You'll notice a few points of poetic license taken by the poet. The Betty that Fritzi mentions is, of course, Betty Albers (Mrs. George Albers) referred to throughout this little history of the League; and Evie is Evelyn Van Dam '50 Smallegan (Mrs. John Smallegan) who engineered the first Village Square and set its course for future years.

Please let Fritzi's poem embrace all 19 Village Squares. It was written in 1971 for an occasion honoring the Square founder, Mrs. Albers. ✨

We all dreamed up fancy names . . .  
(Spelled *Shophe* with an "e" . . .)  
And to make it still more authentic,  
Added "Olde" and an occasional "Ye"!

Booths were assigned by Mrs. Bob Westerhoff,  
Who wailed, "If it rains, do we call it all off???"  
"No, we'll just move inside . . . instead of out in the air -  
Oh, it surely won't rain . . . IT JUST WOULDN'T DARE!"

Women from Illinois arrived via bus in a swarm . . .  
Singing and laughing, they took over a dorm!  
Suitcases and handcrafts were piled on the lawn -  
The chatter and giggling went on until dawn!

Over it all - and still looking serene . . .  
Was busy "Chairlady Evie", whose job was to screen  
Every new problem and tie up all loose ends,  
It's a wonder she and John remained such good friends!

August 16 arrived - a day bright and sunny!  
Our spirits were high . . . who could help but make money?  
The Muskegon Chapter cleverly decorated trees  
With plumply stuffed monkeys whose tails swung in the breeze!

Passersby saw lines of bright aprons  
And said "Oh my gawsh!  
Do you s'pose all that stuff  
Is Margaret Lubbers' WEEK's WASH???"

The Campus looked like a gay Country Fair . . .  
Color and clatter springing up everywhere . . .  
Gay Japanese lanterns bedecked the Grove's pine trees -  
The gift of Mrs. Dick Nieusma, who was then overseas . . .  
Bargains galore . . . and the gals all a-bustle -  
(Those RCA housewives are known for their HUSTLE!)

The people kept coming and buying our wares  
Or sat drinking coffee and chatting on chairs . . .  
The "greenbacks" rolled in, with nary a lull -  
Then "S.O.S. EVIE . . . Our cigar-boxes are full!"

A quick phone call to the Bank -  
"Help us handle this dough . . .  
Better bring a Brinks truck,  
Business ain't been very slow!"

Footsore and weary, when she had time to breathe -  
Evie counted the profits - and WOULD YOU BELIEVE?  
Nearly \$7,000 Dollars - what a howling success!  
We could buy more Kollen Hall draperies than you'd ever guess!

The rest is all history . . .  
Now we launch VILLAGE SQUARE No. 14 . . .  
With our fame and know-how,  
Financial success is routine!

Later years brought Irwin Lubbers and his cute antique car . . .  
Missionaries sent popular gifts from afar -  
Then the good chicken barbecue . . .  
That outdoor family dinner . . .  
Don't forget Wisconsin sausage and cheese -  
(With butter n' buns, they won't make you thinner!)

We've had ice cream socials, kletzes, art and antiques . . .  
With atmosphere (let me tell ya) that Hope Campus reeks!  
Christmas goodies, doll clothes, and grab-bags -  
(Second-hand or brand-new) . . .

YOU NAME IT - WE GOT IT . . .  
AND WE'LL SELL IT TO YOU!

SO . . . Thanks to you, Betty,  
For your first gentle "nudge" . . .  
You're the gal who made our  
Lean League budget "budge"!





## CAMPUS SCENE



### HONORED FOR SERVICE

Herman Laug '29 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at a special luncheon for Trustees, Alumni Board members, and Alumni Fund class representatives held on Oct. 24. The Board of Trustees last year established the Distinguished Service and Achievements Awards, as means to give formal recognition to individuals for their personal accomplishments or contributions to the College. Mr. Laug is the first recipient of this award.

Mr. Laug was given the award in recognition of his loyalty, generosity, and faithful service to the College, according to Hugh De Pree, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Laug was cited for his interest in and support of the College's athletic programs, theatre productions and cultural activities. He has been an effective spokesman for the College to prospective students, parents, churches, and alumni. He has also introduced many potential friends and benefactors to the College.

Mr. and Mrs. Laug respond after receiving Distinguished Service Award.

As a member of the Board of Trustees from 1965-1971, Mr. Laug participated in many of the strategic decisions which have influenced the course of the College, thereby contributing much to the present strength and vitality of Hope. As a charter member of the Second Century Club, he has played a vital part in developing the role of this group.

Mr. Laug has also given tangible evidence of his loyalty and support of Hope. His generous gifts to the College through the deferred giving program have made a significant contribution to the long-term strength of Hope.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Alumni Association Board of Directors announced the election of two new members following their annual Homecoming meeting in October. Dr. William E. Welmers '36 was elected Member-at-Large and Marge Lucking '48 French was elected Detroit Chapter Representative.

Dr. Welmers is professor of African languages at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he has been a faculty member since 1961. He pioneered in the development of modern techniques in foreign language teaching and is the author of numerous writings on linguistics and related subjects. His most recently published book is *African Language Structures* (1974). He is currently working on a Vai grammar book, one of six book-length projects he has planned for publication within the near future.

Dr. Welmers has been serving as president of the Southern California Alumni Club since February, 1975. He served previously as secretary of the Club.

He holds the Th.M degree from Westminster Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He has membership in numerous professional organizations, including the American Anthropological Association, the African Studies Association, the International African Institute, the Society for Ethnomusicology, and the African Music Society.

Dr. Welmers is married to the former Beatrice Fairbanks '39. They reside in Los Angeles.

Mrs. French is a homemaker and the mother of three children. Her youngest son, Jim, is a freshman at Hope. Her husband, John French '49 is employed by the Burrough's Corporation. They reside in Birmingham, Mich.

Mrs. French is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. She is currently serving as a vice president on the Board of Directors of the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She holds membership in the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a service organization which supports Cottey College in Nevada, Mo. She was an elementary school teacher for three years following her graduation from Hope.





### A GREAT FALL IN SPORTS!

Hope enjoyed one of its most successful fall sports seasons winning three championships!

The football team recorded its first undefeated season ever with an 8-0-1 record while winning its second MIAA crown in three years.

The cross country squad won its third straight league championship, extending its unbeaten dual meet record to 18 in-a-row.

And the women's field hockey team was undefeated in WMIAA competition and ended 9-2-1 overall. Nine team members were selected to compete in a Great Lakes states tournament.

The golf team finished third in the MIAA standings posting a 4-2 record while the soccer squad ended fourth with a 3-8-2 mark.

A complete summary of the fall sports season will appear in the next issue of *News from Hope College*.



### H-CLUB HONORS

President Emeritus Irwin J. Lubbers '17 (right) presents plaque to Dr. Otto van der Velde '15 who was honored during annual H-Club luncheon on Homecoming Saturday for his contributions to the College. Dr. van der Velde was team doctor to Hope athletic teams for more than 40 years and college physician for a number of years.

The H-club members also honored seven graduates who received all-MIAA honors during the 1950-51 school year

and their coaches. Recognized were Lloyd Beekman '53 of Fruitport, Mich., Gene Nyenhuis '52 of Grand Rapids, Mich., Ron Appledorn '53 of Holland, Mich., Dr. John Vander Velde '52 of Ann Arbor, Tom Van Wingen '51 of Grand Rapids, Mich., Andrew Bremer '53 of Grosse Point Farms and Gerald Jacobson '54 of Whitehall. Coaches honored were Russ DeVette '47, Alvin Vanderbush '29 and Dr. Kenneth Weller '48.





## ALUMNI FUND

National Alumni Fund Chairman Jack Hascup '53 proudly dons orange and blue tie after opening two day on-campus conference of alumni who will represent their classes during the 1975-76 Alumni Annual Fund campaign.

Forty-four Class Representatives attended conference on homecoming weekend to be brought up-to-date on College affairs.

Goal this year of the Alumni Annual Fund is \$170,000. Last year alumni contributed \$143,104 to the annual fund and another \$529,998 to designate programs and projects.

Rev. Hascup, who is also President of the Hope College Alumni Association, asked alumni to "reflect seriously about your Hope College experience and what this has meant in your life. And, then, based on that reflection, I challenge you to give as generously as you are able, in order that the experience you and I have had will continue to be available for the young people who are students today and for those who will be students in the years ahead."

## EVERY BIT HELPS

The fund drive to raise \$3.2 million for construction of a new physical education center is taking all forms. Heather Bultman, 5, (left) and Gretel Van Wieren, 4, sold refreshments at Hope home soccer games. Their daddies are members of the Hope faculty. Heather is

the daughter of Jim '63 and Marty '63 Bultman and Gretel the daughter of Glenn '64 and Jacquelyn '67 Van Wieren. Pledges and gifts totaling \$1.3 million have been made to the Physical Education Center drive. The College is currently interviewing architects in hopes construction can begin during 1976.



## DONOR FINANCIAL PLANNER TO BE PUBLISHED

The Office of Donor Financial Planning plans to publish a personal financial newsletter three times a year. The newsletter, *The Donor Financial Planner*, is dedicated to provide creative and imaginative ways of managing your own personal financial affairs while helping the

College as well. Such important topics as Wills, Annuities, Trusts, Insurance and Estate Planning will be covered using actual illustrations of Hope College alumni and friends. This newsletter will be mailed to all pre-1940 alumni. Others desiring to receive *The Donor Financial Planner* should write or call Kurt Van Genderen, Office of Donor Financial Planning, Hope College, Holland, Michigan 49423.

## news about Hopeites

Please use the space below to send news about you or your Hope friends. Tell us about promotions, honors, appointments, marriages, births, travels and hobbies. Use of this form will help guarantee inclusion of your news in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

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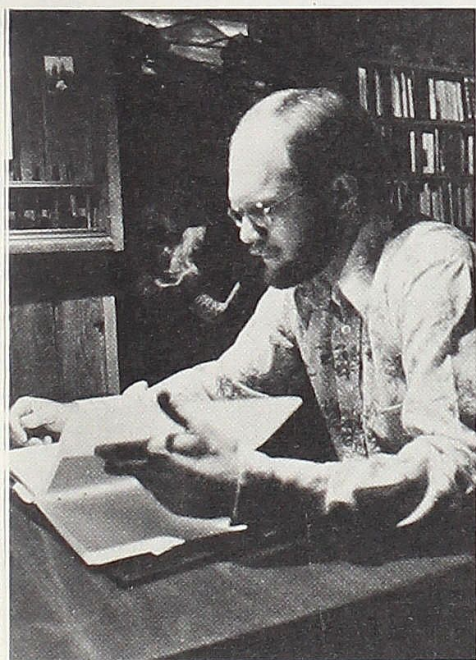
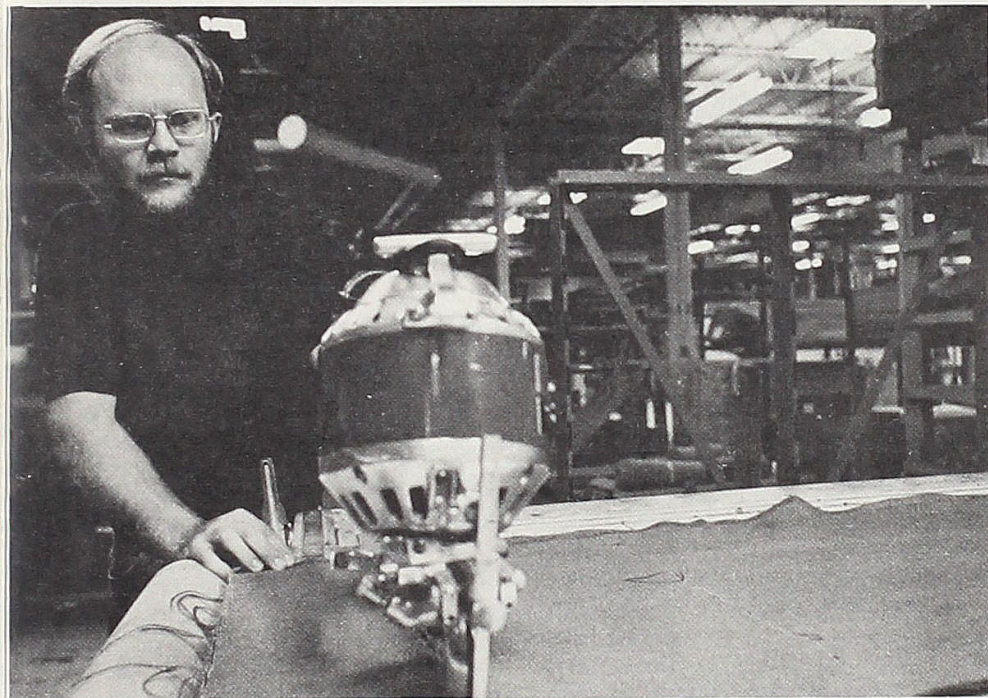
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## ALUMNI NEWSMAKERS



### POET RETURNED

*A bulb—before it becomes a blooming plant—lies secret and silent in the earth. It finds in this condition its only opportunity of existence. Antagonistic forces pass it by as it lies hid in its work of self-development. So must your reason develop—hid in yourself.*

—Cornelius Agrippa

Delwyn Sneller, a Holland native, graduated from Hope in 1967. In 1969 he received his MA, and in 1972 his Ph.D. in English from Michigan State University. For the next two years he taught English at Brescia College in Kentucky. He resigned in the spring of 1974 and returned to Holland, where he lives with his wife, Jereen, and their three daughters. For the past year he has been working as a carpet cutter in a local factory.

Although he has been writing for as long as he can remember (and writing well, as his former instructors remember), only recently has Sneller's poetry begun to find a large audience. Since he left teaching he has had 14 publications, an extraordinary indication of acceptance by poetry editors. He carries a notebook with him, constantly jotting phrases and images. He writes almost daily, produces perhaps a poem each week, edits and deletes his work mercilessly. He keeps a large notebook in which there is a page

for every poem; on this page is recorded the name of the poem, dates submitted, names of magazines, acceptance or rejection, and any comments received from editors. It is a careful record, yet Sneller is surprisingly modest about his recent success. It becomes evident that what is important to him is the making of poems, that he would be writing whether anyone published his work or not.

Nor is he eager to discuss poetry in the abstract. Theories bore him:

*But why should I explain the imagery I compulsively form?*

he asks in "Catocala." When asked why he writes he said, before answering the question, "Never make this elephant walk that glass beam again." His reply:

"Kierkegaard, catalpas, Eric Clapton, Spoon River Anthology, Monet, tactful Jim Prins, Elmer's glue, Pascal, pipe tobacco, October, Stafford, Home-made wine, Herbert, Donne, old wood, agates, the Trappist Monastery in Bardstown, Peter S. Beagle, storms, Vivaldi, ghost stories, Lake Superior, Milton, catocala moths, Job, Hank Snow, spaghetti, Ecclesiastes, spiders, Whitman, UFOs, Whittier, Bach, Van Gogh, cigars in zero weather, the creative process. I enjoy writing. This enjoyment is linked to ambition, the same type that causes others to desire wealth or profession or piety or the largest coho. And I enjoy the discipline. When I was a boy, I could tell which swallowtails had torn wings by watching how they flew. Now I do this with words. Leave it at enjoyment. And beyond that—

*Sunflowers break the direction clouds go. This is all I know of what I undertake."*

It doesn't take long to discover that Sneller is an energetic man. In his basement, which he paneled with old wood, the visitor finds evidence of a dozen interests—mounted butterflies and moths, spiders, rocks, pipes, books, plants, treatises on the occult, carpentry, home-made wine, records, photographs, a typewriter.

It doesn't take long, either, to discover that this restless, comfortable, happy man is possessed of unusually keen senses. A portrait artist would concentrate, surely on the eyes, quick and penetrating behind wire-rimmed glasses. He has the singleminded curiosity of a naturalist, the perceptive wisdom of a seer, and a



rare talent for making images. Witness (this from "Old Walter"):

*From his attic window  
He measures brittle shadows  
Between hemlocks,  
Remembering seasons with her.  
Lost eleven Julys ago.*

*At twilight  
And during thunderstorms  
He waits in the kitchen  
With his glasses on.*

Or this, called "Frisbee":

*Like a silver spoon  
In the hands of a curious child,  
Lake Michigan hollowed under  
Sand dune plateaus.*

*Jon placed a red round flight  
Level on the air between us.*

*Snakegrass leaned beneath  
The revolving shadow  
Lifted by wind a while  
Against the afternoon sun.*

From "Srei Ap Amen" there emerges a sensitivity to violence as though the poet had shed a layer of skin and left the nerves exposed. Following the contrast of a brutal murder in Viet Nam with a Washington peace march, the poem concludes

*Under sudden scarlet thunder  
My absurd nights  
Sweat turning emotions.*

*Tomorrow I'll pull my shades  
Against an all-day wind  
And listen to my fingers  
Pick the plaster wall.*

How does such a writer feel about factory work, compared with teaching? "I can pretend that teaching is a battlefield and factory work is a paradise. Or vice-versa, depending on my mood. Who is in a position to say whether my move from Director of Creative Writing to Carpet Cutter is a rise or fall? My Ph.D. is still a symbol of accomplishment, and the learning that went into achieving it is still valuable to me.

"Time and my persistence at writing will have to justify (if justification is needed) my working in a factory. Because of my new vocation, I finally have time to write poetry. The old excuses that kept me from maturing as a writer—student essays to grade, research to do, conferences to attend—are no longer part of my life. These days I am through with work at 3:30."

Jereen, who worked to help him through graduate school, speaks to the subject also. "Del doesn't have exactly the same feelings I do about his career and his Ph.D. This must be because he gained from all those hard years, while I feel as though I've been left holding an empty

dream. He has his gift of writing and all the knowledge that goes with getting a Ph.D. All I have is memories of hard times—emotionally and financially.

"Living in Spartan Village, MSU married housing, was no treat, and even though we had our first two daughters while there, the poverty we experienced marred the joy they gave. We never had enough money, even while on food stamps, but during those five years there was always this drive we shared to get through it all so we could become part of the elite. We were told we would look back and laugh at the hard times."

At Brescia, Jereen became an active faculty wife. "I even threw the first faculty Christmas party. I seemed to be born to live this sort of life." But their younger daughter became "allergic to the climate and Del became allergic to the college. He was overqualified and underpaid." And so they moved back to Lake Michigan.

"Now," Jereen continues, "after giving up financial security and a career I had just started and enjoyed as a librarian, I find myself with a talented though poor husband who cuts carpet eight hours a day. In the eyes of my relatives I have gotten no further than my mother who was married to a man who sanded boats for a living.

"These past seven years I've seen corruption in academia I never knew could exist. This has left a scar on both of us. The talent a person works to perfect has nothing to do with how secure his future will be in academia. Maybe I have learned more than I hoped."

In a poem to Jereen, Sneller wrote

*Why should I trust myths.  
When your face is beautiful in  
sunlight?  
Love should be the slow, complete  
praise of shapes.  
For flesh, like earth, must turn each  
longing to its own.  
The potter's hands fill with clay  
While his thoughts round and rise to  
art.*

Delwyn Sneller quit teaching because his daughter became ill in the Kentucky climate, and because he was dissatisfied. In verse he put it this way:

*Across the horse-head bridge  
I found myself a faculty  
Not lost enough to wonder where.  
The nuns pinned silver owls  
Night eyed with amethyst  
to habits practical as parking lots.*

*Two years I outlined Crane's escape  
To sharks and balanced Whitman  
overhead,  
A cardboard box near full of rain.  
And then I left. It was the sky*

*Upon the place, too heavy to go up  
And storms that caught my mind  
outdoors.*

And the storms brought him back to Holland, to a job in a factory, to writing poems. He is a skilled and sensitive poet, a journeyman in one of the most difficult arts; he's never made a nickel at it and it has never occurred to him to resent the fact that poets are the poorest of artists. He makes poems because he likes making poems. His life seems to fit together despite seeming contradictions. He likes working in the factory, likes the men he works with, likes teaching a class on John Calvin at a local church. These things satisfy him. He lives on Vans Boulevard (gravel) and writes "Compensation":

*September seven o'clock morning.  
Harold touches a praying mantis  
Warmed by the light  
Above the factory door.*

*He knocks  
Summertime from his pipe.  
The time clock  
Fastens red numbers to his card.*

*The slat bed saw  
Screams twenty blades above  
sawdust.  
Wood stacked from its lips  
Trembles.*

*Static electricity bites  
From the two inch steel of planers.  
Boring machines kneel  
Drills through birch beams.*

*Above the squall at eight o'clock  
A small router screeches  
"Gotcha!"  
Harold.*

*And a fool to say lucky.*

Sneller makes wine and peers beneath the bark of dead trees, and those who read *West Coast Poetry Review*, *Seems*, *Hard Cider*, *Stone Country* and the like have access to the *eau de vin*, the distilled products of his ferment. He probes beneath the bark to discover those things that lie "secret and silent in the earth."

Would he rather be teaching? "That's an impossible question to answer." If he had it to do over again, what would he change? "I would laugh more." ❀





## CULTURE SHOCK

New Peace Corps volunteers are warned to expect "culture shock" when they go overseas and are told they must adjust to an occasionally harsh, usually unfamiliar way of life in a foreign country.

However, for *Kathleen Buurma '66* who recently completed a two year Peace Corp service term on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines, culture shock hit only when she returned to the United States and began looking for a teaching job in a saturated market. Matters were complicated when she discovered that her low income as a volunteer prohibits her from qualifying for unemployment compensation. Faced with the harshness of current economic conditions, Kathy looks back on her two years in the Philippines as "blissful living."

Kathy was involved in many facets of the reading program in the Surigao City schools. She tutored remedial students and solicited book donations for use by students. With three years experience as a fourth grade teacher in Traverse City, Mich., Kathy was on familiar ground.

"A reading people is a thinking people," she says. "Every community and nation wants that. I saw this as my people-to-people mission in the Philippines."

With a population of approximately 40,000, Surigao City offered many of the comforts of home, Kathy reports. The two-story cement home she shared with a Filipino family was located in the center of town. "However, the noise of the city traffic didn't drown out that of roosters and pigs and occasional carabaos which joined the continuous parade of tricycles.

"It's a small place," she continues. "Twenty minutes of walking brought you from one end to another, from the coconut-lined seashore to the top of the rolling hills overlooking the city. Most of the people in between seemed to know me better than I know myself. That's the beauty of a small town."

Mindanao, which is about the size of Indiana, is the second largest island in the Philippine archipelago. The Philippines were a Spanish colony for 400 years before being ceded to the U.S. after the Spanish-American War. In 1946 the nation was granted independence. It is now a republic of 40 million people, growing at the rate of 10 per cent a year and taxing its agricultural and industrial resources in the process, says Kathy.

The Filipino people, with their various Chinese, Malaysian, Spanish, American and Japanese ancestries, are "like a mosaic," according to Kathy. "The hospitable nature of the people, combined with a trace of colonial feeling, resulted in my immediate acceptance."

"Sometimes people forget that there was only one of me, that my limits were human. Never mind if you have just finished eating a heavy supper, have another one and eat it with just as much gusto as the first. Never mind if you don't know how to sing, you will gain one Filipino-American friendship if you do. It was quite a change in roles—and a pleasant one!"

Filipinos speak an estimated 87 regional dialects and languages and, according to Kathy, Surigao City boasts its share. In homes and market places a local dialect is used. At church and formal gatherings, Cebuano is most common. In schools, English is taught along with Tagalog, the national language.

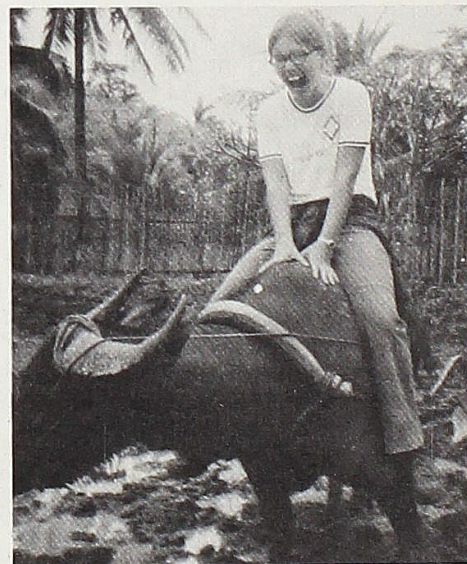
The multilingual school system creates special problems for the slow learner, Kathy found. She worked to diagnose

reading problems and develop a pair of reading kits—one dealing with comprehension and the other with reading enrichment.

"Where did I fit in this babel of languages? I could use English 99 per cent of the time and be understood, but the motivation existed to learn the dialect and be able to join in the Filipinos' lively conversations," she says.

Kathy had her share of mishaps in learning the new language. Because of the similarity of the Cebuano words for "getting married" and "going fishing," she says, "When I said I wanted to spend a relaxing day fishing at the pier, my friends were already putting a wedding cake in the oven!"

Kathy eventually took the hint, it appears. During her term of service, she became engaged to a co-worker in the school. She hopes her Filipino friends have the wedding cake in a very slow oven, however: the date of the wedding is entirely dependent upon when her fiancé can get through the red tape of obtaining a visa to join her in America. "About all I can say about my wedding is that it's in the future," she concludes. "Meanwhile, whereas before I was looking for a teaching job, I'm now looking for a *non-teaching* job!"



## WE GET LETTERS

*Editor's note: This letter refers to the photo essay, "Behind every Successful Puller . . . There's a Morale Girl," printed in the Sept./Oct. issue of News from Hope College.*

In this day of women's struggles for respect and dignity, I found this article and the captions under the photos to be offensive and degrading to women. You



have perpetuated, even if unintentional, the belief that women are second-class citizens, by your insensitiveness to them in your article. To call men of 18 years or older MEN, yet refer to women of 18 years or older GIRLS is just one example of your lack of sensitivity. Your description of what a "morale girl" does only shows a women in a supportive and maternal role. Surely women are persons and the women who participated in the pull did more than just wipe off brows and cheer on the men. They were and are their own persons.

I would appreciate it if in the future you write and think of women as women, not as appendages to men.

Tena Willemsma '68

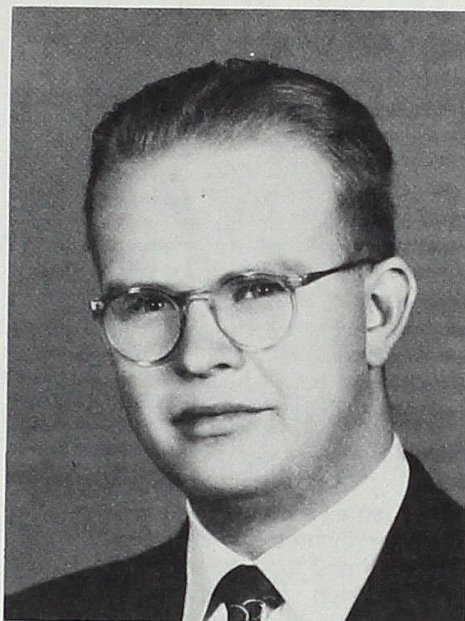
*Editor's note: The following letter was addressed to Dr. Paul Fried and discusses this past summer's German American Experience Program, which involved 59 German high school students. Writer Phil Ceeley was involved in an internship program with a German bank last summer.*

Last night I was sitting in our library in Scheidt where I live, watching television. The program was called "New York, New York," and there was a report about the Alaskan pipeline. After this report, in absolute amazement, I watched a group of students coming through the arch at Hope College. This was, of course, a film report over your program. It showed the students in downtown Holland, an interview with Rolf Italiandaar, "German Night" in the Holland High School, the visit to Ebony magazine, and the German students talking to the blacks, and finally an interview with some of the students. The last scene showed the group leaving Hope in a nice charter bus followed by our famous Flying Dutchman bus. The report lasted for almost a half an hour. I could hardly believe it. If I was in Hamburg I could understand it, but here in Saarland! The report must have been broadcast to the entire country. This is probably better treatment than you received in Michigan. I must congratulate you on what must have been a fantastic program.

This is my last week at the Landeszentralbank, on Saturday, the 30th, I fly back to Detroit. On September 2nd I start work on my M.B.A. degree at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. The program will take two years. I have also had a very good experience here in Saarland and my German is a lot better. This is just a note: I had to write you and tell you about last night.

Phil Ceeley '75

## FIRST-TIME AUTHOR



William O. Grunden '53 is the author of *The Weak Two System*, recently published by Carlton Press, New York. The book describes a system of bridge bidding which Grunden developed as an update on the Pre-emptive Two System.

"I have taught this system to many players. Those who have been playing for some time tell of a queasy feeling in their stomach the first few times they get up courage to use this system. To a disciplined book player the mind begins to experience horrible apprehensions. But, relax, it works for me and many others who are brave and daring at the table," writes the first-time author.

Grunden is an ordained Methodist clergyman. After 20 years of service in the ministry, he is now a conservationist for the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.

He's a lifelong bridge player. "I play for fun, I play to win, I enjoy the atmosphere of the competition, and in so doing meet some of the best people on earth," he says.

## MEMORIES

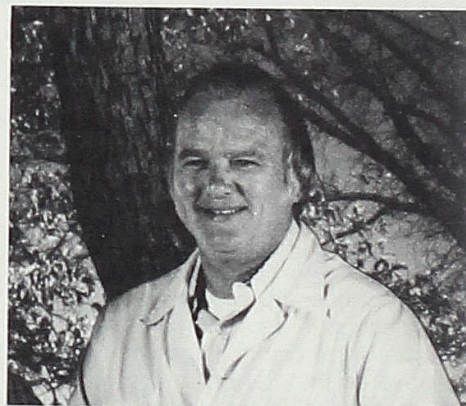
Joining the ranks of Michiganders who knew Gerald R. Ford "way back when" is Robert A. DeYoung '50. He remembers the President as a very special client at the Holland Country Club in the early 1940s.

Whenever Jerry broke a golf club in Holland, it brightened the day of his caddie, young Bob DeYoung, who became the recipient of the cast-off clubs.

"Those were the first clubs I ever had. I had them welded so I could use them. Some of the sticks are still in my possession," says DeYoung, who is now assistant superintendent charged with employer relations in the Kalamazoo, Mich. school system. He adds that the duties of his current position don't leave much time for golf.

His wife, the former Irene Boer '47 also has memories of encountering some big name personalities. In 1950 she was the U.S. woman's water-ski champion and was deemed talented enough to ski at Cypress Gardens as part of the Hollywood film, "Easy to Love," starring Esther Williams and Van Johnson.

The DeYoungs now watch the news and the late movies on TV from their home in Kalamazoo. Their daughter, Diane, is a freshman at Hope.



## ALUMNI MEETINGS

Alumni meetings have been held in the following areas this fall, reports Vern J. Schipper, associate director of college relations for alumni affairs.

- Sept. 14, Long Island, N.Y., Jack '53 and Ruth Blookgood '54 Hascup, hosts
- Sept. 15, Hackensack, N.Y., the Rev. Edwin and Luella Rozeboom '51 Mulder, hosts
- Sept. 16, Franklin Lakes, N.J., Neil '52 and Jean Brondyke '51 Droppers, hosts
- Sept. 17, Pompton Plains, N.J., the Rev. William Bennett '49, host
- Sept. 18, North Branch, N.J., the Rev. Robert '52 and Barbara Bruins '52 Henningses, hosts
- Sept. 27, Wheaton, Ill., Carol Hondorp '59 Wagner, host
- Nov. 6, Holland, Mich., on campus
- Nov. 20, Washington, D.C., alumni chapter picnic, Thomas C. Moore '60, coordinator



# class notes

## '13

DR. CLARENCE P. DAME '13 celebrated his 90th birthday in October. He was honored with an open house given by the Trinity Reformed Church of Holland, Mich., where he served as pastor from 1918-1930. Dr. Dame is currently pastor of visitation at Kalamazoo, Mich. First Reformed Church. He has been authoring Sunday school lessons for *The Holland Evening Sentinel* for 53 years.

## 20's

DR. LESTER KUYPER '28, emeritus professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary, was recently presented with a *festschrift* at an all-seminary luncheon. The *festschrift*, a European academic tradition, is a published volume of essays prepared by students, colleagues and admirers to honor a distinguished teacher. Dr. Kuyper, a former RCA General Synod president, retired in 1974 after teaching at the seminary for 35 years.

## 40's

THE REV. HARMON WIERENGA '40 has accepted a call to the Faith Community Church in West Chicago, Ill.

THE REV. DELBERT '44 and GERTRUDE MAASSEN '47 VANDERHAAR were featured speakers at the Continental Congress on the Family, held in October in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. VanderHaar is secretary for Western Regional Services and Family Life, and Mrs. VanderHaar has been a teacher and director of Christian education.

THE REV. WARREN HIETBRINK '47 marked 25 years in the ministry on June 13. The Thorn Creek Reformed Church of South Holland, Ill. conducted a celebration program. Rev. Hietbrink and his wife, Martha, also recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

## 50's

THE REV. PAUL ALDERINK '50 was installed as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Platte, on September 2.

RICHARD C. CALDWELL '52 was named Realtor of the Year by the Ann Arbor, Mich. Board of Realtors.

THE REV. WILLIAM ESTELL '52 and his wife, Eileen, have returned to Taiwan after their furlough in Michigan.

GYTE VAN ZYL '52 is an attorney at law in Beverly Hills, Calif. His wife, the former MARY JANE WRIGHT '52, recently received her Baccalaureate Degree, Summa Cum Laude, from California State Univ.

DR. GARRET A. WILTERDINK '52 opened Western Theological Seminary's public lecture series in September, speaking on the subject: "The Fatherhood of God in Calvin's Thought." Dr. Wilterdink is associate professor of theology and director of field education.

PETER V. DE MOYA '57 has been named a career representative of the Manchester general agency of National Life Insurance Co. of Vt. He was previously executive director of the East Communities Program Center of the YMCA in Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE REV. WILLIAM HOFFMAN '59 has accepted a call to the First Reformed Church, Walden, N.Y.

## 60's

VERN ESSENBERG '60 was named director of Camp Manitouqua, Frankfort, Ill. in May.

DR. CLYDE LE TARTE '60 has been named acting dean at Eastern Michigan Univ. He joined the EMU faculty in 1969. Since 1971 he has been associate dean of the graduate school.

DR. DARYL SIEDENTOP '60 is a visiting professor in the College of Physical Education at the Univ. of Massachusetts. He is on leave from his regular assignment at Ohio State Univ. The second edition of his book, *Theory and Science of Basketball*, appeared last year. The second edition of his *Physical Education: Introductory Analysis* will be published early next year. He also contributed to *Developing Teaching Skills in Physical Education*, to be published by Houghton-Mifflin Co. in December. His text, "The Development and Control of Behavior in Sport and Physical Education," focuses on application of behavior modification to problems of teaching P.E. and coaching athletic teams. Dr. Siedentop is editor of *QUEST*, the journal of the National College Physical Education Association.

MARILYN SCUDDER '60 is an ophthalmologist at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Moshi-Tanzania, East Africa.

ROBERT D. KROEZE '61 was awarded the A.S.B. Humanitarian Award in June at the Ramona Junior High School, Chino, Calif.

ROBERT MILLER '64 is a biologist at the Oak Ridge, Tenn. National Laboratory while working towards his master's degree in business administration at the Univ. of Tennessee. His wife, the former FRANCES OSBORN '65, has her M.S. in special education and is working as a resource room teacher.

DR. WILLIAM CHURCH '64 has joined a radiology group at the Munson Medical Clinic, Traverse City, Mich. He finished his radiology residency at the Univ. Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. in September.

DR. JAMES BEKKERING '65 has been appointed acting dean of instruction at Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Mich. He served as dean of students since 1972.

JACK COOK '65 recently became an associate of the law firm Phillips and Baggit, P.A. in West Palm Beach, Fla.

JOHN C. FISHER '65 is the new director of personnel and labor relations for Monroe, Mich. He served for the past five years as personnel director for Kalamazoo County, Mich.

RICHARD McFALL '65 has been named high school principal in Burr Oak, Mich. He served as assistant principal at Saugatuck (Mich.) High School for three years and has taught social studies for 10 years.

THE REV. KENNETH E. REYNEN '65 has accepted a call to the Fellowship Reformed Church of Holland, Mich.

THE REV. MARK LEMMENES '66 is pastor of the Glendale, N.Y. Reformed Church.

PETER NORDSTROM '66 has been awarded a Western Theological Seminary academic scholarship. He is a senior.

FREDERICK '66 and SUSAN SHORT '66 STRONG are living in Birmingham, Mich. Rick is part owner of N-Gauge of America, a national mail order and retail firm selling model trains and supplies. He also operates Custom Trains of Michigan.

JOHN KILLMASTER '67, assistant professor of art at Idaho State College in Boise, displayed his paintings in a one-man show in September at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa.

NANCY CULVER '68 DYKSTRA teaches Spanish and French in the Columbus, Ohio public high school system.

DR. TIMOTHY TAM HUTAGALUNG '69 is taking his pediatric dentistry residency at the Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

GEORGE ARWADY '69 has been named metropolitan editor of *The Muskegon Chronicle*. He has been a staff member of *The Kalamazoo Gazette* since 1969. George holds a master's degree from the Columbia Univ. School of Journalism and has done graduate work in political science at Western Michigan Univ. He and his wife, the former LYNN KOOP '69, have been active in youth ministry work in Kalamazoo. Lynn taught 6th grade in Portage.



Compiled by  
Phyllis Kleder '73



## 70's

The following were awarded Western Seminary academic scholarships: seniors PAUL SMITH '72 and DAVID BAST '73, middler STEPHEN NORDEN '74, junior DENNIS TEBEEST '75, New Brunswick transfer student ROGER DE YOUNG '73, and M.R.E. candidate MARY HORST '73.

(JOHN) IAN LYONS '70 has been named Creative Arts Center director in Pontiac, Mich. He spent two years in Thailand as a Peace Corps volunteer before enrolling in Wayne State Univ. While working toward a master's degree in humanities, Ian was assistant to the director of education at the Detroit Institute of Arts. After graduation, he went to Carmel, Calif., where he constructed a gallery and set up an art exhibition for Richard Gorham, a member of the silver-smithing family.

THE REV. STANLEY YONKER '70 has accepted a call to the Faith Reformed Church of Pompano Beach, Fla.

JOHN '71 and KATE BACON '71 ENDERSBE are living in Chatau-son, Okinawa, where John is stationed with the U.S. Army. Kate is directing the choir at the Washington Drive Chapel in the Makiminato/Naha Housing Area. They look forward to being transferred to the Pentagon in December.

BILL HOFFMAN '71 is teaching mathematics at Chicago (Ill.) Christian High School.

THE REV. ART '71 and BECKY SHADWELL '71 HUDAK are living in Chicago, Ill. where Art is the pastor of the Church of Good News.

KAREN SCHAMPER '71 SCHRA is teaching 2nd grade in the Fennville, Mich. public schools. She is also working towards her Ph.D. in reading at the Univ. of Michigan.

MARK VAN DORT '71 is studying under a post doctoral fellowship at Stanford Univ. His wife, BERNICE RENNER '71, is working as a research assistant in the psychiatry department of the Stanford Univ. Medical School.

THOMAS P. DeCAIR '72 has been named Mich. Governor William Milliken's executive assistant for intergovernmental affairs. His main responsibility will be working to secure federal funding of state projects. He will also be in charge of dealings with other states and have authority over Milliken staffers in Detroit and Washington. DeCair served previously as White House assistant presidential press secretary.

KARL '72 and EILEEN WINTER '72 ESMARK are both studying toward their M.Div. degrees at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

VICTOR FOLKERT '72 has been awarded a Wayer Presidential academic scholarship. He is a junior at Western Theological Seminary.

CHRIS '72 and JAN MACKIE '74 HAHN are living in Tempe, Ariz. Chris is studying toward his master's degree in business administration at Arizona State Univ. Jan is the public relations director of the Camp Fire Girls of Phoenix.

DONALD L. KETCHAM '72 is working toward a M.Div. degree at the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary. He is currently on the dean's list, serving as vice president of the student council, and pastor of Concord, Texas Baptist Church.

JANE CLARK '72 MARASCO and her husband, Dennis, are members of the Youth for Christ staff in Washington, Pa.

STEVE POST '72 is teaching economics at Broward Community College, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

PAUL '71 and DOTTIE BREEN '72 TYSSE are living in Madison, Wis. Paul is studying for his Ph.D. in nutritional science at the Univ. of Wisconsin.

MARVIN YOUNGER '72 has been included in the 1975 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

CINDY SMITH '73 NEES is teaching kindergarten in Morrison, Ill.

DOROTHY SWANSON '73 has been a specialist in customer order service at General Electric Co., Holland, Mich. since 1973.

NORMAN SWIER '73 is working in the Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church, Dulce, N.M., on a one-year internship from Western Theological Seminary.

KRISTI KNOWLES '74 is teaching American government, U.S. history and citizenship at the Spring Lake, Mich. public schools. She is also serving as the advisor for the sophomore class.

NICK LAM '74 is a coordinator of the Allegan County (Mich.) computer program.

GAIL ORNDORFF '74 is a CRT operator at Empire National Bank.

DALE RICE '74 recently completed the producing and direction of a six minute United Way campaign film in conjunction with his position with the American Red Cross in Lansing, Mich. The film is being used extensively by Lansing schools, industry and television. Dale is living in Grand Rapids, Mich.

MYRON SCHMIDT '74 is enrolled in the American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Ariz.

ROBERT VAN VOORST '74 has been granted a Wayer Presidential academic scholarship. He is a middler at Western Theological Seminary.

## 75

MARCIA-ANNE BEARD '75 is working at the Covenant High School in Unalakleet, Alaska, under the sponsorship of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America. Last summer she taught Bible School in several villages of western Alaska.

LINDA GUTH '75 is teaching 3rd grade at Lakeside School, East Grand Rapids, Mich.

SUSAN HERMANC '75 is a statistician in the Development Records Office at Hope College.

HEIDI KOBERSTINE '75 is working at the Roland Employment Agency, Chicago, Ill.

MARY KOEPPE '75 is attending the Univ. of Michigan Medical School.

DONNA MARCH '75 ROP is lab supervisor at the Muskegon (Mich.) County wastewater plant.

JODI JAPINGA '75 SYENS has been named director of the Dial-A-Ride public transportation system in Holland, Mich. She began working for the city part-time in 1973 under a federal work study program. Last summer she was named assistant to the personnel director.

BETH TIMME '75 is teaching 5th and 6th graders at Serena Hills School, Richton Park, Ill.

SANDRA BROWN '75 WOJCICKI is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Wayne State Univ.

## births

Marlin '59 and Shirley Ensing, Mark Alan, April 18, 1975, St. Joseph, Mich.

Ted '72 and Barbara Etheridge, Allison Brooke, July 28, 1975, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Winslow and Ruth Ridders '65 Galbraith, Brian Edward, July 23, 1975, Titusville, Pa.

Bill '71 and Jan Hoffman, Kurtis Todd, March 1, 1971, Kimberly Sue, April 17, 1974, and Kerri Lynn, Sept. 11, 1975, Evergreen Park, Ill.

Tom '70 and Carol DeLong '72 Hondorp, Benjamin Thomas, Oct. 1, 1975, Holland, Mich.

William '69 and Barbara DeNagel '72 Kneer, William Frederick III, Oct 2, 1975, Whitehall Mich.

Mark '66 and Mary Hesselink '68 Lemmenes, Dirk Jacob, April 29, 1975, Flushing, N.Y.

Lloyd and Audrey Evers '68 Nordstrom, Matthew Emil, July 28, 1975, DeMotte, Ind.

Mark '67 and Donna Droppers '67 Oudersluys, John Mark, May 26, 1975, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Jack and Julie Morgan '69 Pounders, Sarah Florence, Oct. 9, 1975, Birmingham, Ala.

Alan '70 and Cecile Gaillard '70 Spitters, Steven Boyd, May 27, 1975, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Peter '70 and Karen Struck, Michael Peter, October 3, 1975, Park Forest, Ill.

Paul '71 and Dorothy Breen '72 Tysse, Leah Marie, June 30, 1975, Madison, Wis.

Bruce '68 and Claire White, Kristin Lynn, Sept. 15, 1975, Bay City, Mich.



# REVISED CONSTITUTION

Adopted by  
The Alumni Board  
October 25, 1975  
for presentation to

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF HOPE COLLEGE

Spring 1976

### ARTICLE I - Name & Objects

#### Section 1.

The name of the association shall be the HOPE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

#### Section 2.

The object of the Association shall be to promote the welfare of Hope College and to encourage the interest of the alumni and former students in the College and one another.

### ARTICLE II - Members

#### Section 1.

Any graduate or former student of Hope College who has earned ten hours college credit, or any person who has been affiliated with Hope College may become a member.

#### Section 2.

The by-laws may provide for other classes of members.

#### Section 3.

Membership in the Association shall not be contingent upon the payment of dues.

### ARTICLE III - Officers

#### Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, a vice president and treasurer.

#### Section 2.

The president and vice president shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from its membership at the spring meeting of the Board. These officers shall serve for a term of one year and shall not immediately succeed themselves in the same office more than once.

#### Section 3.

The treasurer of Hope College shall be the treasurer of the Association.

#### Section 4.

The administrator of the Association shall be the Director of College Relations.

#### Section 5.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice president and an elected member of the Board.

### ARTICLE IV - Directors

#### Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following Association members:

a. Directors-at-Large: Three Directors-at-large to be elected for terms of three years and in such a manner that no two terms expire in the same year. The election of the Directors shall occur at the annual Homecoming meeting of the Board of Directors.

b. Hope College Club Directors: Each Hope College Club may elect or appoint one of its membership to the Board of Directors for a term of three years, the terms to be set up in such a manner as to retire approximately one-third of the Club Directors each year.

c. Senior Class Directors: The Vice President for Student Affairs may each year appoint one Director from the senior class whose term of office shall begin at the start of his senior year and continue for two years following his graduation.

d. Hope College Alumni Chapter Directors: Each Hope College Alumni Chapter may elect or appoint one of its membership to the Board of Directors for a term of three years, the terms to be set up in such a manner as to retire approximately one-third of the Chapter directors each year.

e. The Board of Directors may appoint additional Directors when necessary for the best interest of the Association.

f. Past presidents of the Association are to be members of the Board for two years after their terms of office have expired.

g. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2.

Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors

a. Manage and direct the affairs of the Association.

b. Fill vacancies on the Board of Directors

c. Adopt such rules, regulations and by-laws as it may deem necessary to

carry into effect the requirements of this Constitution.

d. Meet on call of the President. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors.

e. Charter new Hope College Clubs under a suitable constitution.

f. Charter new Hope College Alumni Chapters under a suitable constitution.

g. Select individuals for the Distinguished Alumni Awards at the fall meeting.

h. Nominate a member for the Board of Trustees at the fall meeting when necessary.

i. Help to interpret College affairs to the alumni and friends.

### ARTICLE V - Meetings

#### Section 1.

The Hope College Alumni Association shall meet annually on Alumni Day in the spring. The President of the Association shall report at such annual meetings.

#### Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually during Homecoming in October and during Commencement Week, previous to the annual meeting of the Alumni Association on Alumni Day.

### ARTICLE VI - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at the annual meeting of the members by a two-thirds favorable vote of those present, provided to the fullest extent possible the proposed amendment shall have been first approved by the Board of Directors and then published in the *Hope College Magazine* (or a copy thereof shall be mailed to all members) at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

### ARTICLE VII - Official Organ

The *Hope College Magazine* shall be the official organ of the Hope College Alumni Association.

\*Note: Chapters are to be composed of Hope College graduates who are engaged in the same fields of endeavor, e.g., The Hope College Science Chapter. Others which should be considered include: Teaching, Ministry, Law, Medicine, etc. A Mother's Chapter has been suggested.

## marriages

Robert Banks and Victoria Cannon '75, June 21, 1975, Grand Haven, Mich.

Thomas Bock '75 and Linda Lemmen, Aug. 23, 1975, Holland, Mich.

William Boersma '75 and Claire Campbell '75, Aug. 16, 1975, Grand Rapids, Mich.

James Bowman and Nathelee J. Roelofs '70, May 17, 1975, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Brad Broekstra '75 and Sharon Boven '75, June 28, 1975, Holland, Mich.

James Butler '74 and Joan Schramm '75, Sept. 6, 1975, Allen Park, Mich.

Tim Creswell and Deborah Badeau '74, Aug. 1, 1975, Grand Rapids, Mich.

David Dirkse '73 and Anne Den Herder, Oct. 3, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Thomas Eadie and Barbara De Hart '69, June 21, 1975, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Robert Echenique and Carol Hoekstra '75, July 19, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Mark Holtz and Yvonne De Maar '74, Aug. 16, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Richard Housman '70 and Rosa Pappenheim, June 21, 1975, Gresham, Ore.

Timothy Tam Hutagalung '69 and Remedios Fu, Aug. 30, 1975, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Dick Kamps '75 and Lynn Hermetet '75, Aug. 22, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Michael Kozak and Ethel VanderZalm '37, July 15, 1975, Manton, Mich.



# deaths

Dale Kraai '64 and Linda Post, June 28, 1975, Hanover, Ind.

Dirk Kramer '72 and Linda Elferink '72, July 25, 1975, Martin, Mich.

Larry Le Poire '74 and Judith Klomp, Sept. 5, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Dennis Marasco and Jane Clark '72, Aug. 17, 1975, Washington, Pa.

Robert McNiven and Nancy Meeusen '70, June 20, 1975, Holland, Mich.

John Meshkin and Vicki TenHaken '73, Aug. 30, 1975, Holland, Mich.

James Motiff and Kathryn Scholes '73, June 7, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Richard Nash and Karen Kent '72, Oct. 11, 1975, Rochester, N.Y.

Jerry Nees and Cindy Smith '73, Aug. 16, 1975, Erie, Ill.

Steve Norden '74 and Jean Boven '75, Aug. 29, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Andrew "Dutch" Nyboer and Cyndy Hartman '74, Sept. 5, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Ronald Paulson '75 and Alice Noble, June 14, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Jeffrey Pett '75 and Joyce Schierbeek, Aug. 21, Holland, Mich.

Craig Porter and Coreen Cramer '68, July 19, 1975, Muskegon, Mich.

Carl Ray and Alice Stoppels '74, Aug. 9, 1975, Omena, Mich.

Richard Rendell and Sally Ticknor '69, Aug. 16, 1975, St. Joseph, Mich.

Ron Rewerts '74 and Sara Vander Kolk, July 12, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Donald Rinkus '74 and Jayne Vandelende, June 15, 1974, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mathew Rumpsa '75 and Vicki Wiegierink '75, Aug. 23, 1975, Grand Haven, Mich.

John Sharpe and Phyllis Baker '66, Oct. 24, 1975, Tampa, Fla.

Doug Smith '73 and Jan Beukema '74, Sept. 6, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Tim Snow '73 and Judi Wehrmeyer, Aug. 16, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Thomas Speidel and Susan Hawkins, '73, June 28, 1975, Brown Deer, Wis.

Ronald Stégenga and Jane Spencer '73, Nov. 29, 1974, Tucson, Ariz.

Jeff Stewart '75 and Anne Colyer '75, August 23, 1975, Hawthorne, N.J.

Peter Suda and Brenda DeGrosa '71, Oct., 1973, Miami, Fla.

Norman Swier '73 and Melita Dekker, May 24, 1975, Homewood, Ill.

Dennis Teshima '75 and Roxanne Spurgis '74, May 17, 1975, Irons, Mich.

Cal Timmer and Linda Buter '74, Dec. 27, 1974, Holland, Mich.

Fred Van Dahm '74 and Kimberly Evans, Sept., 1975, Fenton, Mich.

Michael VandenBerg and Nancy Van Heest '75, Aug. 16, 1975, Hudsonville, Mich.

Charles VanderBroek '73 and Laura Tebben '74, Aug. 23, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Gil VanderBush and Claudia Hayes '75, Jan. 4, 1974, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Steven Vander Molen and Corrine Havinga '71, July 19, 1975, Holland, Mich.

Mark van Vorst '75 and Susan Glerum '75, Aug. 16, 1975, North Syracuse, N.Y.

Dean Vivian and Debra Dowlyn '75, June 21, 1975, Lucas, Mich.

Glenn Wagner '75 and Nancy Oosting '75, Aug. 30, 1975, Fremont, Mich.

Roger White '74 and Janice Bares '75, July 26, 1975, Grand Haven, Mich.

Bruce Workman and Janet Cioffi '73, July 27, 1975, Cresskill, N.J.

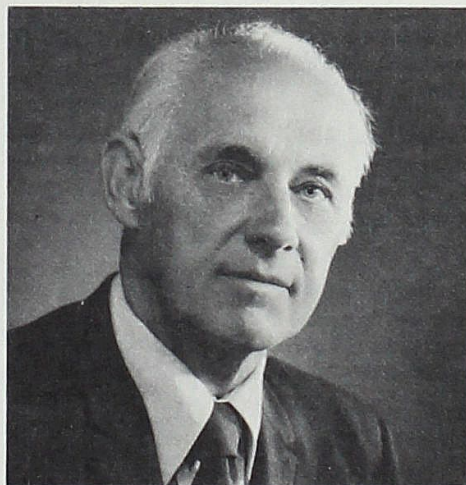
DR. PETER COOPER '20 died on Aug. 21, 1975 in Claremont, Calif. He was chairman of the social science division of Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tenn., teaching economics until the time of his retirement in 1969. A native of Passaic, N.J., he graduated from Hope Prep School in 1915 and entered the College that year.

Dr. Cooper did graduate work at Yale Univ., the University of California, and the University of Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy in 1928. He taught at Talladega College in Alabama from 1928 to 1941, prior to his appointment at Le Moyne College.

He was active in interracial affairs, working with churches, schools and other groups. He was chairman of the board of the Memphis Urban League from 1949 to 1951.

DR. RUDOLPH HOSPER '42 died in October, 1975 in Harrisburg, Pa. A semi-retired attorney at law, Dr. Hospers served as president of the Dauphin County Bar Association. He was a former P.T.A. president. He is survived by his daughter, Juliana.

RUSSELL A. KLAASEN '32 died as the result of a heart condition on Oct. 6, 1975 in Holland, Mich. Mr. Klaasen founded the Russell A. Klaasen Realty Co. in Holland 40 years ago. He retired in 1974.



Mr. Klaasen was a member of Third Reformed Church of Holland and served on its greater consistory at the time of his death. He was a member of the board of trustees of Resthaven, a director of Peoples State Bank, a director of the Holland Economic Development Corp., and a member of the Second Century Club at Hope College. He also served as a Chamber of Commerce director, a board member of the Holland Salvation Army, a president of the Holland Board of Realtors, and as a member of the Holland Planning Commission.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Arendshorst '32, a daughter, Lynn Klaasen '72 Hillegonds, a sister, Marion Klaasen '24 Tritenback, and two brothers, Raymond '27 and Clarence '29.

THE REV. GEORGE KOTS '23 died on September 5, 1975 at a Sioux City, Iowa hospital, where he was to undergo surgery. He had been ill since early summer.

Rev. Kots served as a missionary in China from 1923-1926. A retired Reformed Church in America pastor, Rev. Kots' charges included the Gray Hawk (Ky.) Reformed Church and, most recently, the Buffalo Center (Iowa) Reformed Church.

Among his survivors is his wife, Deane Klooster '28 Kots.

THE REV. JOHN S. MOORE '17 died on July 14, 1975 in Wyckoff, N.J. For 33 years Rev. Moore served the Elmendorf Reformed Church in New York City and the First Reformed Church of Hawthorne, N.J. He also served on many denominational and interdenominational boards and agencies.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two daughters and a son.

OLIN C. VAN LARE '37 died on October 13, 1975 in Holland, Mich. following a long illness. Mr. Van Lare taught English at Holland High School from 1954 until his retirement in 1971. He also taught in Columbiaville, Imlay City and Hastings, Mich. and spent four years teaching in Japan with the U.S. Army of Occupation.

Surviving are his wife, Marguerite, his stepdaughter, four sisters and a brother.

LUCILLE VANDERWERF '23 VENEKLASSEN died after a long illness on Sept. 28, 1975 in Chicago, Ill.

After finishing her graduate studies at the University of Chicago, Mrs. Veneklassen was a teacher in the Sparta and Grand Haven, Mich. high schools. She later moved to Chicago when she married Dr. Oliver E. Veneklassen '24.



She was an Alumni Board member from 1964-1967. She served as co-chairman of the Chicago North Alumni Fund from 1963-1965 and for several years as Chairman-at-Large for the Fund. She was awarded A Distinguished Alumna Award in 1970, and was a charter member of the Second Century Club.



She contributed inspirational poetry to the "Wake of the News" column of *The Chicago Tribune* and received several awards for her essays. She was also well known in the Chicago area for her book reviews.

She served as co-chairman of the community service for the Women's Auxiliary of the Chicago Medical Society and was editor of "Pulse," the auxiliary's monthly magazine.

She is survived by her husband; two sisters, Joan VanderWerf '30 Brieve and Anne VanderWerf '28 Wabeke; and her brother, Dr. Calvin VanderWerf '37, former president of Hope.

WILLIAM Vlieger '42 was killed in an industrial accident on October 8, 1975 in Sioux Center, Iowa. He was the manager of a farmers' cooperative. Mr. Vlieger is survived by his wife, Sylvia, and four children including Mary Vlieger '75 DeYoung.

## advanced degrees

Graydon Blank '68, M.A. Educational Leadership, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

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Timothy Dykstra '68, Ph.D. English Literature, Ohio State Univ., Aug., 1975

James Grant '73, M.A. Special Education, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Robert Kroeze '61, M.A. Education, Pepperdine Univ., Aug., 1975

Frances Osborn '65 Miller, M.S. Special Education, Univ. of Tennessee, Aug., 1975

Jeff Mulder '69, M.A. Teaching in Junior High School, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Steve Post '72, M.S. Administration and Supervision of Educational Systems, Nova Univ., July, 1975

Joan Tellman '70 Robbert, M.A. Teaching of Reading, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Max Schipper '66, M.A. Teaching of Science, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Nancy Rosema '71 Schripsema, M.A. Teaching of Reading, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Joseph Su '58, M.A. Chemistry, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Gordon Tobert '73, M.A. Political Science, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

David Van Donkelaar '72, M.A. English, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

Mark Van Dort '71, Ph.D. Chemistry, Stanford Univ., Aug., 1975

Mary Vollink '68, M.A. Education, Univ. of Michigan, Fall, 1975

Roy Welton '70, M.A. Counseling and Personnel, Western Michigan Univ., Aug. 22, 1975

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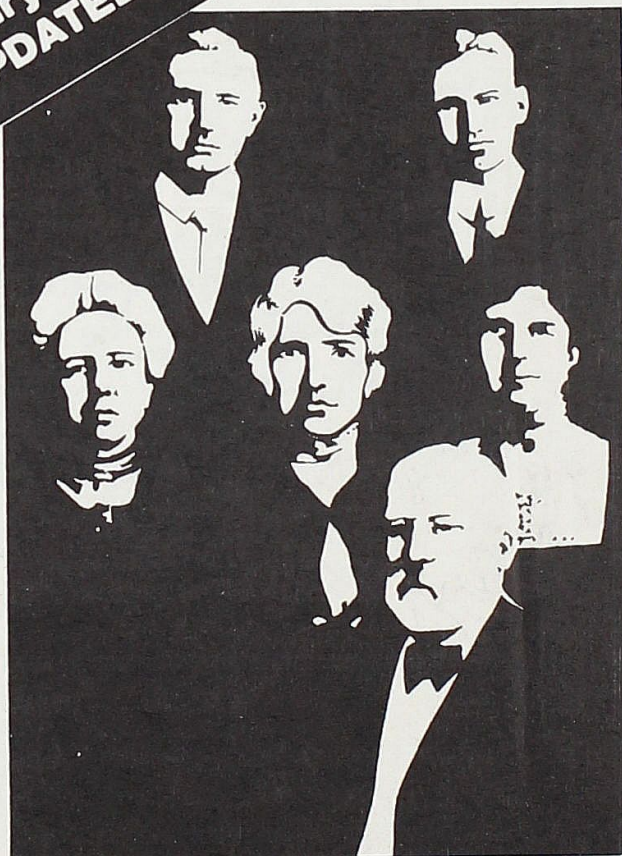
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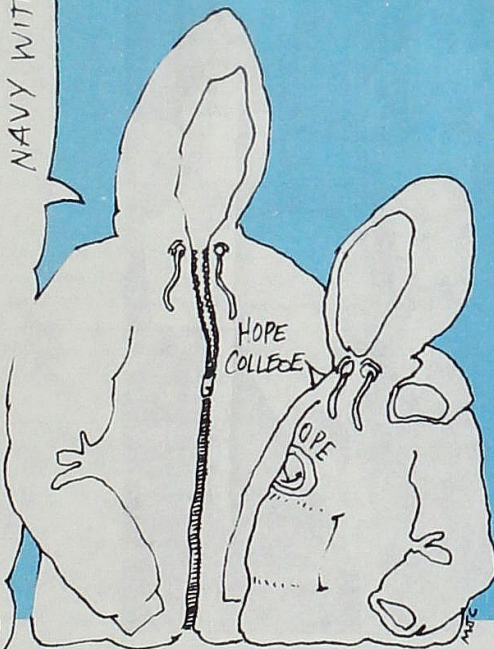
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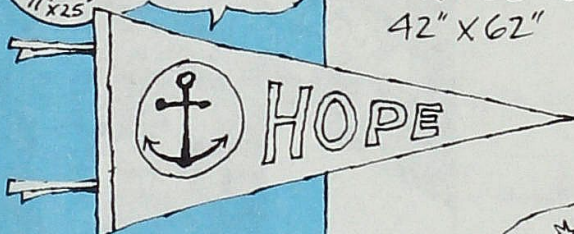


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